Exciting Religious Program

Church In The Wildwood Actuality In U.S. Parks

NEW YORK (AP)—You remember the old song about the Church in the Wildwood?

It's an actuality this summer. You can take your vaction in as wild a wood as you like and still attend church services on Sunday.

You can, that is, if you are vacationing in one of the 23 U.S. National Parks.

There seminary and college students especially trained for these summertime parishes are conducting worship services in whatever "church" is at hand, be it outdoor amphitheater or mountainside chapel, dance hall, lodge dining room, hotel lobby or linen room.

To get to their congregations they travel by plane, jeep, horseback or on foot.

The student ministers and religious workers, 110 strong, are sponsored by the National Council of Churches coordinator of the national parks ministry program.

When they aren't actively engaged in church services, campfire powwows or Bible study groups the young men and women earn their keep by working as bellhops, soda jerks, night watchmen, maintenance men, waitresses and maids.

"It's one of the most exciting programs in the church," says the Rev. Warren Ost, the program's 29-year-old director and a minister of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. "It's doing a job and it's giving students experience.

"And it's rigorous experience. You don't have the normal institutional structure of a church behind you. There's none of the protection afforded by the nice old ladies who sit in the back pew and always tell you it was a wonderful sermon.

"Instead you work 10 hours a day as, say, a garbage collector, then you preach on Sunday to the people you work with. You preach more by what you do than what you say, since you work alongside part of the congregation. Consequently, if you don't do what you preach, you aren't saying anything."

The Rev. Mr. Ost more or less pioneered the work. He conducted the first such services in 1949, while a University of Minnesota student working as a bellhop at a Yellowstone Park inn. Later as a student at Princeton Theological Seminary he expanded the idea and discussed it with council officials. Now he directs a million-acre parish and spends the summer visiting each park from Isle Royale National Park, Michigan, west to Olympic National Park, Washington.

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Polio Case Rate Continues Below Last Year Levels

WASHINGTON, June 8 — UP — The government reported Thursday that polio cases so far this year are running more than 26 per cent below last year. Officials are hopeful 1956 will be a relatively light year for polio.

The U. S. Public Health Service said 120 cases were reported last week, less than half the number reported in the comparable week last year. It said this also was "only 7 per cent" above the previous week although polio usually rises rapidly at this season.

So far this calendar year there have been 1,864 reported polio cases, compared to 2,534 for the same period of 1955. There have been 49 fewer paralytic cases than last year.

However, for the polio "disease year" starting April 1, there have been 169 fewer paralytic cases than during the same period last year. This decrease may provide some clude to the effectiveness of the Salk vaccine program.

There is still reason for caution in making predictions. Last week's 120 cases are more than the 115 reported for the comparable week in the low year of 1951 and even the big epidemic year of 1952, when there were 119 cases in the same week.

But last week's total is considerably below the 247 cases for the same 1953 week, 224 for the parallel week of 1954 and last year's 248 cases.

Elements Of Three French Divisions Join Rebel Drive

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP)—Elements of three French divisions joined today in a drive to wipe out rebel forces in western Algeria near the Moroccan border.

West of Oran the 4th Infantry Division crossed over from Morocco to join the 12th Division. The two outfits were reported pushing the rebels from mountain strongholds toward the sea, where the 19th Division was waiting.

Twenty rebels were reported killed.

In north central Algeria meanwhile, two French divisions overran a rebel redoubt in the Kabyle Mountains to regain scores of villages lost to the nationalists six months ago. Most of the settlements had been abandoned before the French arrived.

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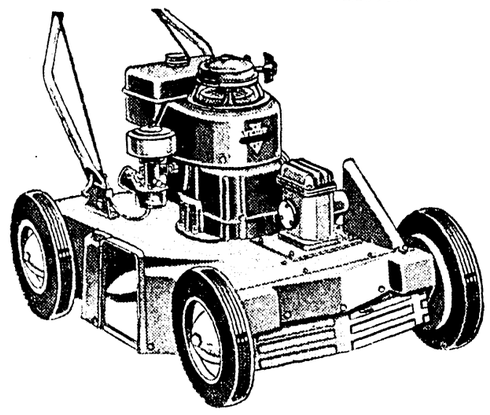

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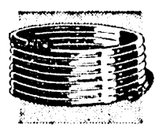

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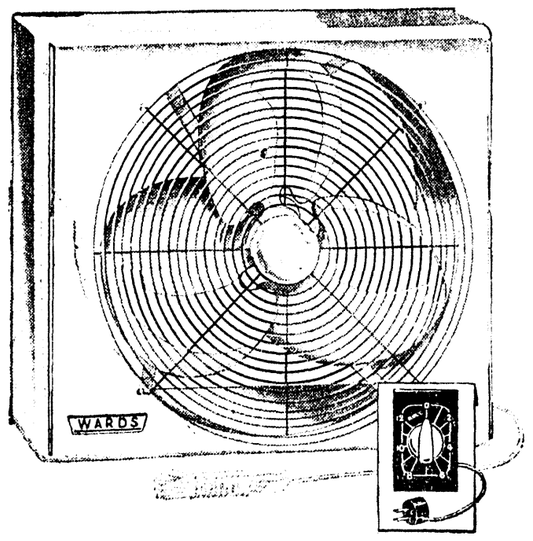

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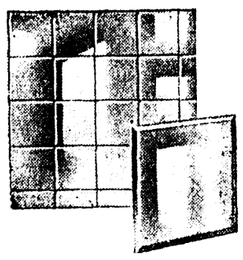

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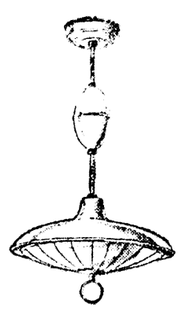

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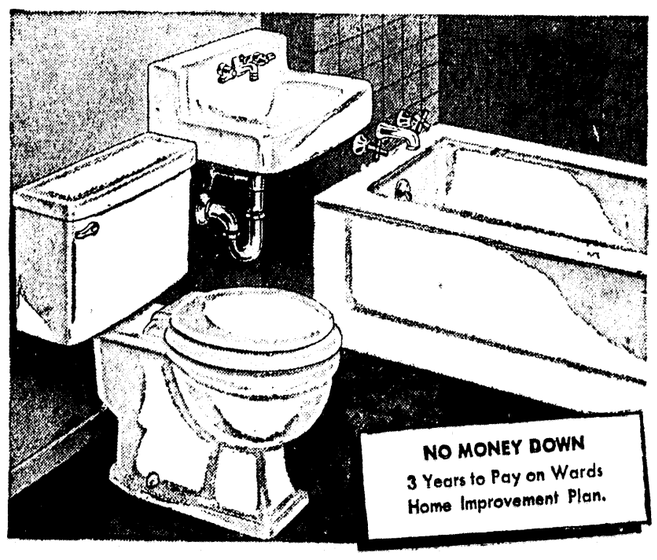

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